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1982-0137P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Wataru ITO Conf.: 3285
Appl. No.: 09/400,297 Group: 2175
Filed: September 21, 1999 Examiner: MAHMOUDI, H
For: IMAGE ENCRYPTING METHOD, IMAGE
ENCRYPTING DEVICE, REOCDING MEDIUM ON
WHICH IMAGE ENCRYPTING PROCEDURES ARE
RECORDED, AND RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH
ENCRYPTED IMAGE FILE IS RECORDED

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 19, 2004

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the Office Action dated **May 19, 2004** of the Primary Examiner twice rejecting claims 1-20.

This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of **three (3)** month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Office Action. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

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An extension of three (3) month(s) for responding to the Office Action was previously requested and paid for on November 16, 2004. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional _____ () month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

Large entity - \$340.00

Small Entity - \$170.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$340.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

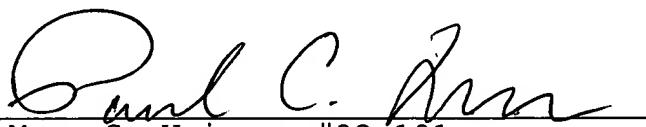
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Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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